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ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the

UNITED ASBESTOS COM-

PANY, LTD. LONDON.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 12,000,000.  
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HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
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## Intimations.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

KOBE (Direct)...Bombay\*...G. D. Saunderson, R.N.R...About 1st Feb...Freight only.  
LONDON, &c...Bengal...S. Barchan...Noon, 4th Feb...Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN, &c...Rasht...E. P. Bishop...4 P.M., 4th Feb...Freight or Passage.  
SHANGHAI...Coromandel...F. N. Tiltard...About 4th Feb...Freight or Passage.  
LONDON...Malacca...E. G. Andrews...About 8th Feb...Freight or Passage.

\* (Passing through the Inland Sea). † (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899.

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## Intimations.

### UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN

HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

FOR THE

### UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC AND SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

27] Hongkong, 4th January, 1899.

## PEAK HOTEL

AND

### CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea level.

CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,

Manager.

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1899.

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## THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE

SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

### WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

### TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO.

and

CARMICHAEL & CO.

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## W. BREWER & CO.

JUST LANDED.

### NEW STOCK LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS AND SHOES.

(these are the very best quality Northampton make).

NEW STOCK SPENCER'S MADRAS INDIAN CIGARS.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN CIGARETTE CO.'S

CIGARETTES.

These have now the largest Sale of any Egyptian Cigarette made: and are in hermetically sealed tins.

### AMERICAN TOBACCOES.

Two Seas Aromatic Cut Plug..... † lb. Jars.

Golden Square Mixture..... † lb. Tins. | Raleigh Cut Plug..... † lb. Tins.

Richmond Club..... " | English Bird's Eye..... " |

A Large Collection of

BRITISH COLONIAL, FOREIGN RARE, SHANGHAI & CHINA LOCAL STAMPS.

1223] QUEEN'S ROAD, Under HONGKONG HOTEL.

## A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

### BOVRIL AS A BEVERAGE

contains in a highly concentrated and easily digestible form the direct nourishment of prime ox beef, invigorating the healthy and strengthening invalids; whilst, for preparing sustaining Soups, Rich Gravies, Savoury Sauces, Croquettes, Rissoles and all Entrees, nothing equals

## BOVRIL IN THE KITCHEN.

14] WATKINS & CO., Sole Agents.

### PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.

Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale

by

THE PETER SYS COMPANY,

(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),

9, Old China Street,

Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [1242]

### THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

(NOTICE OF CALL.)

NOTICE is hereby given that, at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above Company held at No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 6th day of December, 1898, the following RESOLUTION was passed:

"That a FIRST and FINAL CALL of TEN DOLLARS (\$10) per SHARE, upon all the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, in respect of all the shares held by them in the above Company, be and the same is hereby made. Such

"CALL to be PAID to the Company at their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of March, 1899."

By order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD., General Agents.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. [1a]

## Intimations.

### THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, TO-MORROW, the 1st February, 1899, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 25th January to WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, (both days inclusive) during which period NO TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD., Agents for the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LD.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [91a]

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder Street, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th of February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1898, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th instant to the 8th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1899. [110a]

### THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 17th February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 17th February, 1899, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1899. [88a]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of February next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1898.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1899. [121a]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 4th to the 18th day of February next, (both days inclusive) during which period NO TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1899. [122a]

### HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1899. [146a]

## Insurances.

### NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

### NOTICE

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30]

### THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

FOUNDED 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED.....\$30,000,000

LOSSES PAID.....\$12,000,000

PREMIUM INCOME.....\$87,000

THE Undersigned Agents for the above Society are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire at CURRENT RATES.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, 6th January, 1899. [246]

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AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL

## D. C. L.

### OLD TOM AND DRY GIN.

\$7 PER DOZ.

H. PRICE & Co.,

Sole Agents.





## Today's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [150a]

## BIJOU THEATRE.

RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

D'ARCS MARIQUETTES.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN!

THE WONDER OF THE POPULACE!!

Another

PUSHING, SHOVING, ANXIOUS,  
EXCITED, SCRAMBLING  
CROWD  
Eager to gain Admittance.

TO-NIGHT

Another Repetition of  
OUR MONSTER OPENING BILL.

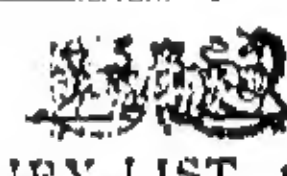
## PRICES.

Boxes to hold Six ..... \$15.00  
Reserved Seats ..... 2.00  
Unreserved Seats ..... 1.00  
Pit ..... 50  
Gallery (for Chinese only) ..... 30

Children under 12, and Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform half price to all parts except Boxes and Gallery.

Doors open 8 P.M. Overture at 9 sharp.

PLAN at ROBINSON PIANO CO.  
Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [118a]



JURY LIST, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of *The Jury Consolidation Ordinance No. 18 of 1887*, I have this Day caused to be posted, at the chief entrance to the Court House, a list of all Persons ascertained by me to be liable to serve as Jurors. The names of Special Jurors are shown therein in italics.

The said list will remain so posted until the 15th February, in order that any person may apply by notice in writing to me requiring that his name or the name of some other person may be respectively either added to or struck off from the said list upon cause to be duly assigned in such notice.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Acting Registrar,  
Supreme Court.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [151a]

## TO LET.

SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCES on Bowen Road (now in course of erection.)

PROPERTY now occupied by the Bowington Saw Mills.

FLOORS in STAUNTON and ELGIN STREETS.

"BAHAR LODGE,"  
No. 4, RIFON TERRACE.

"HARFORD" MAGAZINE GAR. Comfortably furnished.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [112]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
The Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"  
Captain Milroy, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 2nd February, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [149a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.  
The Company's Steamship

"CHILLI,"  
Captain Newcomb, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 2nd February, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [147a]

## Notice of Firm.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. CHARLES J. HOLIDAY in our FIRM ceased from 31st December, 1898. Mr. ALEXANDER ROSS is admitted a partner from 1st January, 1899.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, 28th January, 1899. [132a]

## Hotel.

WINDSOR HOTEL,  
HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant. Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

P. BOHM,  
Proprietor & Manager.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895. [21]

## Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

## PORTS

(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE, superior quality,  
Red Capsule ..... \$14.40  
C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule ..... 16.20  
D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These Wines are too favourably known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

## BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on the 23rd of January, the wife of T. H. KINGSLEY, Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

At Nagasaki, Japan, on the 20th of January, JESSIE CORNELIA, eldest daughter of G. H. Prior, of Atlanta, Ga., to ARTHUR H. ALLEN, of Soochow, China, Imperial Chinese Postal Service. No cards.

## DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 23rd of January, ALFRED KLINKE, of the Russo-Chinese Bank, Tientsin, aged 33 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1899.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our old enemy the plague still continues to spread itself over the length and breadth of the globe, having now, according to Reuters, made its appearance at Port Louis in Mauritius. Nothing appears to stop its onward march, no system of quarantine or sanitary precaution seems capable of closing the door against its entry, and no stretch of ocean is wide for it to bridge successfully. The question is when and where will it stop? We have to a certain extent managed to scotch the scourge in Hongkong but by no stretch of imagination can we be said to have stamped it out once and for all. Sporadic cases crop up now and again and we are all well aware that, given favourable conditions, we are still liable to have the disease amongst us again this spring. And we are not alone in our experience of the plague. Wherever it makes its appearance, there it seems determined to stop. Bombay and Calcutta have not been able to cope successfully with the disease which still lingers on waxing and waning in intensity as the season or peculiar local conditions favour it or otherwise. In view of the deadly nature of the disease, of the ruin and disaster which it brings in its train, it is evident that the question of its treatment and eradication from infected areas has become a subject of international importance. No country can be said to be secure against its visitations and we hope to shortly see the attention of the Governments of the Great Powers drawn to the matter in order that the prevention and cure of the disease may become a problem for the highest medical talent of the whole world and may no longer be left to the few individuals who nobly offer their services at critical periods. The question of the plague demands more than this.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

LONDON, January 29th.  
M. Manzeau, the Chief President of the Cour de Cassation, who with two judges of the Civil Section of the Court, has investigated the charges of partiality brought by M. Beaurepaire, has reported to the Cabinet that it would be unwise to entrust the decision of the Dreyfus case to the Criminal Section of the Court alone. The Cabinet upon this decided to submit a Bill on Monday to refer the case to the United Sections of the Cour de Cassation numbering sixty judges. M. Manzeau's report is withheld, except the conclusion, that while the honour of the Criminal Section of the Cour de Cassation is not affected it would be unwise to leave to it the responsibility of pronouncing the final judgment.

ment. In the meantime the Criminal Section continues present at the investigation for a basis of the definite trial before the whole Court.

The Dreyfusites furiously denounce the decision as unparalleled and as a slur on the Judiciary.

## PLAGUE IN MAURITIUS.

Plague has broken out at Port Louis.

## THE SOUDAN.

The British flag has been hoisted at Wady Halfa and Atbara.

## NORTH BORNEO.

During the absence of Governor Beaufort, three Commissioners will administer the Government of North Borneo.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 31st at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen moderately on the China coast. Pressure is highest over N. China with moderate gradients and strong monsoon on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds; fine.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Governor of Ceylon will leave for England on the 17th of March.

A CHUNGKING telegram, to the N. C. Daily News states that Father Fleury reached that city on the 23rd inst.

A GALE has carried away the Red Light-house at Port Said on the west pier and the steamer *Golden Cross* has gone ashore outside the port.

DURING the week ended 28th January there was one case of scarlet fever reported from H.M.S. *Powerful* and one case of small-pox in the city.

ONE hundred and fifty-four deaths were registered at Singapore during the week ending on Saturday, 14th inst. The ratio per thousand was 34.38.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 29th January, are:—Europeans 199, Chinese 1,928; total 2,127.

CAPTAIN de Horne, late of the P. & O. steamer *China*, is to be afforded ample opportunity of clearing his character of the aspersions that have appeared in certain London newspapers.

AT the Magistracy this morning a Chinaman was sentenced to two months' hard labour for entering the house of Mee Chung, Ice House Street, on Monday night with intent to commit a felony.

AN extension of the Christian cemetery for the interment of Christians not of the Roman Catholic communion was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Singapore and Sarawak, on the 18th inst.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
Roast Meat Guild.....\$100

ACCORDING to the *Shanghai Mercury* Sir Claude Macdonald is likely to go home in March on leave. Overwork has been responsible for a not altogether satisfactory state of health. It is quite probable that his leave of six months will be extended.

GENERAL Calixto Garcia, who for many years was the leader of the Cuban insurgents against the Spanish rule, and lately visited Washington to consult with the American authorities about the future government of the island, died in that city of pneumonia on Dec. 11th.

At the close of a lecture delivered at Brighton by De Rougemont, or Grien, the author of the narrative which has attracted such attention in the *Wide World Magazine*, Mr. Ogden, a magistrate of Sydney, addressed the audience, and detailed an accident which occurred some time ago in connection with a diving apparatus in which Grien was interested. Mr. Ogden severely criticised the lecturer's statements, and denounced him as "a polished liar."

THE Joint Telegraph Companies inform us that the Manila Authorities having permitted some firms there to resume the use of code, in telegraphing, it has been arranged that the receivers here of such coded messages may also use code in telegraphing to Manila. Some further modification of the restrictions may be perhaps announced later on. The Joint Telegraph Coys. received information, just as we were going to press, that all code telegrams can now be sent subject to censorship on arrival in Manila.

At Regular Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge, No. 264, E.C., held last evening, Bro. D. Macdonald was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. A.O.D. Gourdin and a board of Installed Masters, and appointed and invested the following officers:—  
S.W. .... Bro. J. Lohead.  
J.W. .... G. P. Lammern.  
M.O. .... F. D. Goddard.  
S.O. .... G. J. B. Sayer.  
I.O. .... J. D. Ball.  
Treasurer...Wor. Bro. A. O. D. Gourdin.  
Sec. .... G. Piercy, Jr.  
S.D. .... A. H. Bottenheim.  
I.G. .... J. J. Bryan.  
Tyler .... J. R. Grimble.

THE following extract from a recent number of *Cassell's Saturday Journal* serves to show the great ignorance prevailing in England regarding all things connected with Hongkong and the Far East, and also how the public are liable to be led astray by "travellers' tales":—  
"A professional beggar of Hongkong has recently built a fine three-story tea house outside the south gate of the city. As the only three-story building in or about Hongkong, it is an object of great pride to the natives, whose charity helped so largely in its erection."  
"We should like to see the building in question, and also the 'south gate of the city.' Perhaps the traveller responsible for this gem of inaccuracy was not made an honorary member of the Club and was crowded out of the Hotel, who knows?"

A YANCHOW letter to a Shanghai paper reports a fall of snow on the 16th instant to the depth of over five inches in that city and the vicinity. This snow is regarded as a Godsend and relieves the anxieties of the agricultural population as regards the spring crops.

A PEKING dispatch reports that the Grand Secretary Hui Tung, who is a Chinese Bannerman or Hanchun, has recently denounced Liu, Viceroy of the Liangkang provinces, and Teng, Chang, and Hu, Governors, respectively, of Anhui, Shantung, and Shansi, and Wang, Provincial Treasurer of Szechuan.

THE V. R. C. Football team will play a match with D Co. of the Welsh Fusiliers on the Military ground on Thursday next, and prox. Kick-off at 4.30 o'clock prompt. The following will represent the V. R. C.—Goal:—Brett, Backs:—Tuohy and Cameron. Halves:—Gonsalves, Craig and Bailey. Forwards:—Seth, Henderson, Yule, Sutton and Rose.

THE Commissioner of Customs at Swatow, Mr. Morgan, gave a Calico Dress Ball on the 10th inst. Among those represented was a Puritan, a Beebeater, a Maltese Gondolier, and several clowns excellently well got up. One gentleman was dressed as a baby and excited great amusement. The house was beautifully decorated and a very pleasant evening was passed.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Powerful*. Kick-off at half-past four. The following will play for the Club:—F. H. Kew, goal; A. S. Anton and W. D. Mayson, backs; C. T. Kew, H. Pinckney and W. H. Howard, halves; A. R. Lowe, H. W. Looker, J. F. Noble, H. C. B. Hancock and J. D. Danby, forwards.

MR. D'Arc gave another of his Marionette performances last night. The little theatre was, as before, full to overflowing. Owing to the large number of Europeans who came last Saturday boxes have been added and the number of reserved seats augmented. The performance last night was highly appreciated, Cauliflower and the clown coming in for a good share of the applause.

THE *Universal Gazette's* Peking correspondent telegraphs that the secret edict reported to have been sent by the Empress Dowager to the Governor of Chinese Turkestan the other day was, after all, not meant to recall the exiled Chang Yin-huan, but that it is in any comfort to his friends to know, the edict merely cancelled the sentence of banishment for life to imprisonment for life. This looks the same but really absolves the exile from working on the post-roads.

AN edict issued recently states that owing to the state of the Emperor's health he is unable to worship at the Imperial Temple on the 10th day of the 1st Chinese moon and has asked Prince Ching to take his place at that ceremonial. The Sacrifices to Heaven and Earth, the Sun and Moon and the Spirits of the Land and Grain will be held on the 3rd day of the 2nd Chinese moon. Prince Yi will attend therat instead of the Emperor to worship at the appropriate temples.

WE would remind our readers that the Hon. John Barrett will lecture before the Odd Volumes Society at the City Hall, at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow afternoon, on "The Situation in the Far East as affected by the results of the late War." The lecturer has had a large experience in the Far East and has devoted considerable time and thought to Far Eastern problems and politics, so the public may rest assured that the lecture will be both interesting and instructive. We are requested to mention that the ladies and the public in general are invited to attend.

INSTEAD of learning a lesson from the terrible results the other day of placing a powder magazine in the heart of the city, and removing the factory to some distance outside the city walls of Hangchow, the high provincial authorities persist in rebuilding on the old site—for financial and military reasons, it is said. This order was given, according to a Hangchow correspondent of a Northern contemporary, on the 21st instant, and the residents in the vicinity of the restored magazine have been told that they must take their chances and call it *hismet*.

ACCORDING to a Soochow dispatch to the N. C. D. News, the water route between that city and Quinsan has, since the 1st of January, been the scene of no less than seven cases of piracy, in two of which the pirates cut down five men in all. The last piracy was on the night of the 17th instant, when two boatsloads of pirates robbed a passenger boat near Quinsan of nearly \$300 in cash and six leather trunks of winter fur and silk clothing belonging to some of the passengers, who were well-to-do natives of Quinsan returning from Soochow to spend the Chinese New Year holidays in their homes.

A VERMILION Pencil Edict was issued on the 11th of the 12th Chinese moon, appointing Chang Yue and Song Tan, Examiners of translations of the Manchu language. An Edict issued on the same day appoints Ching Shu and Chong So-chan, Inspectors at the Examinations, and Shang Su, Ching Chung-yin, Examiners in Literature; also Hoi Tai, Fu, Ku, King Shuh, Sui Ke, Pang Su, Ting Chong, Chang Pao, Nai Yin Shu Chuen, Ying Po, all Manchu, to collect the examination papers, after the examinations, while the examinations are being held. An Edict has been issued ordering Lieut.-Generals Chen Shu and Teh Yuen to protect the colleges.

It is reported, according to native official telegrams, received in Shanghai, that the Honan rebel chief whose name is Hui Ming-yen, has made his stronghold in a hill village, two miles from the Tang Hill, where, 21 centuries ago Liu Pang, the founder of the powerful Han dynasty, first made his attempt for the Dragon Throne. The families of the rebel chief and his adherents have all been housed in the village above-mentioned, and Brigadier-General Chen of Hsichow has ordered a cavalry force now at Hsichow to reconnoitre this stronghold of the Honan rebels; most of whom are, however, in Anhui assisting the rebel chief Niu.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAT-HOLDERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

The annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers in connection with St. John's Cathedral was held in St. Paul's College yesterday afternoon. Bishop Hoare presided and there were present the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Sir John Carrington, the Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. J. M. Beck, Captain F. G. Goddard, and Mr. H. R. Hardcastle. Mr. Cobbold was appointed to act as secretary.

The Bishop said at the outset that this was the first time he had taken the chair at the meeting, and he wished to say what a pleasure it was to him to be there. He hoped that at this meeting and at many other meetings they would be able to work together for the glory of God and the good of His church. He had first to call upon Mr. Jackson to present the accounts with a view to their being passed. They had already been audited. There was just one point it seemed to him which ought to have attention called to it. At the beginning of last year there was a deficit of nearly \$1,000. At the end of the year there was a balance in hand of over \$1,000. That was to say they had made way to the extent of over \$2,000. He believed the deficiency last year was partly caused by repairs to the organ. They must remember this, that in accordance with the request which he received by telegram from the Church Body, he had invited a clergyman to come out to assist Mr. Cobbold in the Cathedral. That gentleman would have to be paid; and the increase of \$2,000 was not sufficient to pay the salary which he was authorised to promise him.

Mr. Jackson (hon. treasurer), in presenting the accounts, said they commenced the year with a deficit of \$907.67. That was caused by very extensive repairs to the organ. Had it not been for the expense thus incurred they would have been so much to the good. These repairs cost over \$2,000. He believed the organ was now in very good order, and it was not likely that such a heavy bill would again fall on the church for such a purpose for many years to come. They finished the year with a balance in hand of \$1,139.91, and there was in the bank a fixed deposit—a sort of reserve fund—\$3,407.39. This, he was sorry to say, was not nearly so favourable a statement as he thought he should be able to make. He very much regretted that the appeal they made to the seat-holders and the members of the church was not responded to as he had hoped and expected it would be. As a matter of fact only some half-dozen people increased their subscriptions in response to the appeal in respect of getting out an assistant chaplain. The want of interest in the matter was very much to be deplored. He quite saw that to keep the church in a satisfactory financial position a more urgent appeal would have to be made to the supporters of the church during the coming year. It would never do for them to drift into debt. Their position now was a sound and satisfactory one, but he could see that with the expenses they had to meet in the future an increased response would have to be made.

Sir John Carrington stated that when the Church Body telegraphed to his lordship asking him to invite an assistant chaplain to come out they thought there would be a generous response on the part of the seat-holders and subscribers. The Hon. R. D. Ormsby said he did not think the prospect before them was unhelpful. They had wiped off a debt of \$1,000 and started the year with \$1,000 in hand towards the salary of the chaplain. He thought that when the chaplain arrived they might hope to receive more subscriptions.

Sir John Carrington—Is it a three years' appointment?

The Bishop—Yes.

On the motion of Sir John Carrington, seconded by the Hon. R. D. Ormsby, the accounts were passed.

Sir John Carrington, on being called upon to say a few words with regard to the new ordinance and the new regulations, said it would be remembered that at the last annual meeting it was agreed that the Government should be asked to place before the Legislature an amending bill making the office of lay member of the Church Body an annual one instead of a permanent one. When the Church Body came to consider the matter they thought that the present ordinance was somewhat cumbersome and needed amendment in one or two particulars, and therefore instead of having the existing ordinance of the statute book and the amending ordinance it was thought better to propose a new ordinance embodying the required amendments. That was accordingly done, and the ordinance was now ready, and he would suggest to the seat-holders and subscribers that it should be approved by them and sent in to the Government to place before the Legislative Council. He might say that the changes in the ordinance were all minor ones excepting the particular one to which he had already referred—that was to say, the matter of the tenure of office of lay members of the Church Body. In the existing ordinance there was no doubt that that tenure was a permanent one, but it was proposed to amend the ordinance in that respect. The new ordinance left the question to be dealt with by regulation. The regulations, in accordance with the wish of the members and seat-holders last year, provided that the election should take place at the annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers in the month of January in each year. The Church Body had given a good deal of attention to the matter on more than one occasion, and they were inclined to think that it might be convenient to revert to the position taken up in the old ordinance—that was to say that the office should be a permanent one. He did not suppose members would wish to argue the matter that day, because the Church Body did not wish to bring the ordinance before members that day. The regulations could only be dealt with after the ordinance had been passed. As we have heard, he only mentioned it so that the seat-holders might consider whether they should adopt the proposed new plan of the annual tenure, or whether they should revert to the old plan and allow lay members of the Church Body to hold office permanently. There was little fear of the Church Body becoming a close corporation. He found that when the ordinance was passed in 1894 the Church Body was composed of eight members—the Bishop and Chaplain, and six lay members. Of the latter there was not only one in the Colony now except Mr. Ford. The only matter in the regulations that he proposed to refer to by way merely of information so to speak against the time when the regulations came up for consideration was the question of declaring sittings open. The regulation on that point was similar to the existing regulation, which gave the Church Body power to appropriate sittings which were not occupied at the beginning of any service except the ordinary Sunday morning service. At the Church Body meeting the other day he thought the regulation was a good one, at which both the ordinance and the regulations should be considered and adopted with the necessary alterations and amendments which might commend themselves to seat-holders and subscribers, but he subsequently found out that there would need to be two meetings—one to deal with the ordinance, which must be dealt with in the first instance and passed into law before they could pass the regulations. What he would suggest that they should do that day

was that they should take the word of the Church Body that the ordinance contained no change of importance except that to which he had already referred.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the ordinance was approved, and it was decided to forward it to the Government with a request that they should place it before the Legislature.

The election of the Church Body for the ensuing year then took place as follows:—Sir John Carrington, Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Hon. R. M. Ramsey, Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. McEwen and Mr. H. R. Hardcastle.

The existing regulations were formally approved.

Mr. W. Chatham was appointed auditor, on the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Ormsby.

Mr. Cobbold, in proposing a vote of thanks to the hon. treasurer, said that a great many little matters passed through his hands, such as the collection of chits, the collection of subscriptions, seat rents, and making out debit forms to send to people after they had engaged seats. Then he had to be in touch with the secretary, who kept a list of the seat-holders, and he had to see that the seats were properly taken and so on.

Captain Goddard seconded the motion was carried.

Mr. Jackson, in replying remarked that as he said last year, though he was the honorary treasurer Mr. Wright was the real treasurer. Mr. Wright did all the work. He would convey to him in a sort of vicarious way the vote which had just been passed.

Sir John Carrington, in referring to the departure of Mr. Spriggs, said that Mr. Spriggs was for a long time a member of the choir, and was a constant and faithful attendant at the practices. Besides that he helped the chaplain very greatly and very generously in the ministrations in connection with the church. He believed the chaplain had said he had hardly ever been absent from a single service since he was first connected with the Cathedral. The Church Body had already placed on their minutes a resolution of gratitude to Mr. Spriggs recognising his services to the Church. But in the past meetings in secret, and perhaps the seat-holders and subscribers there present would think it was not inappropriate to make some public acknowledgement of his services to the church. He proposed that a resolution such as he suggested should be passed and forwarded to Mr. Spriggs.

Captain Goddard seconded, remarking that Mr. Spriggs had been a most regular attendant and had done all he could to assist Mr. Cobbold.

Mr. Cobbold endorsed these remarks, adding that in losing Mr. Spriggs he felt in the position of a clergyman who had lost his churchwarden.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Bishop for presiding.

Mr. Jackson, in proposing the same, said that the more they saw of the Bishop the better they liked him. Let them hope he would be with them for many years; that he would be blessed in his office, and that church matters would prosper under him.

The Bishop, in replying, said he did not think he deserved a vote of thanks for taking the chair, because it seemed that by Government ordinance he was compelled to do so.

The proceedings then terminated.

## CRICKET.

H.M.S. "DAPHNE" v. H.M.S. "REDPOLE."

Teams from the above gunboats met on the Happy Valley. The scores were not large, but during the game some very good hitting took place. The first-named went to the wickets first and totalled 63. Godfrey hit freely and notched 24; none of the others reached double figures. Toyns was the most successful bowler, securing 6 wickets. The opposing eleven started badly, losing 4 wickets for a trifle over 20 runs.



## INSPECTION OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Major-General Gascoigne held his annual inspection of the Royal Engineers this morning on the Queen's Road Parade Ground. It may interest readers to know that the different branches of the old "Sappers and Miners" were amalgamated after the Crimean war, changing their name to the Royal Engineers, since which time, as any new scientific improvement is adopted in the British Isles, different companies of the Corps are organized to fit it for general service. There are at present 42 "numbered" companies but new ones are being formed every year; besides these companies there are some which are known only by the names of places where they are permanently stationed, such as the Hongkong Submarine Miners. Again there are the instructional "lettered" companies for untrained men under instruction at Chatham, Aldershot, Plymouth and Portsmouth, the Corps' full strength amounting to very nearly 8,000 men, distributed in all parts of the world wherever the British flag flies. The Duke of Cambridge was, and we believe now is, Honorary Colonel of the Corps. It is a well known fact that he was always very justly proud of the position, in fact, it is related that he once said, when they were marching past, "There go my men, as steady as a brick wall, and every one of them, a tradesman." This morning they fully kept their old reputation by the smart and clean manner in which they turned out for the inspection. The submarine Miners here are divided into two distinct portions, the European and Native. The Natives were detached from the main body this morning, and the 25th Co. and Britishers of the Hongkong Co. were put through their battalion drill by the junior officers, after which they were formed up and highly complimented both for their smartness in appearance and their drill. The General expressed surprise considering that they were principally employed at work and not on physical records. The native portion were then put through the manual exercises by Lt. Bagnall, Lt. R. E., and the word bayonet exercises by Lt. Randall, R. E. The latter officer afterwards put them through a few simple company movements. On being formed up, the General had Havildar-Major Ching Fat up, and on being assured that he understood English, told the havildar to tell the others how surprised and pleased he was to see the way in which the natives had drilled; he also gave great praise to the British Non-commissioned officers for the way in which they had instructed the natives.

The General inspected the buildings, books and harness-rooms expressing himself well pleased with all he saw. By the kindness of Colonel The O'Gorman we are enabled to give the following details of men on the parade—

## A FRACAS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

A Danish seaman named Resinos Madsen appeared before Commander Hastings this morning charged with assaulting Harry Haynes, manager of the Hongkong Hotel. Complainant said that on Monday afternoon defendant was in the billiard room making a noise. He was swearing at the Chinese boys and calling them all sorts of names. He asked him to moderate his language a little as he would be served just as quickly. Defendant being drunk he told the boys not to serve him with any more liquor, and went up to the dining room. He was called down in about ten minutes by the No. 1 boy. He went down and found defendant banging a stick on the billiard table. He told the Indian watchman to put him out, and while he was being put out defendant caught him by the jacket and tore it, subsequently striking him on the head with a stick. He did not strike defendant.

The watchman and an Indian constable corroborated. Defendant said that as he was being turned out of the hotel complainant came behind him and struck him on the back of the neck, knocking him in the gutter. He got up and struck him on the head with a stick. Complainant pushed him down again, and he was then arrested. Defendant was fined \$25, or six weeks.

## THE REBELLION IN SZECHUAN.

YU MAN-TZE CAPTURED. The following native official telegram dated Chungking, the 24th inst., is published in the *Universal Gazette*—On the 16th instant H. E. Wang Chih-chun, Provincial Treasurer of Szechuan, at the head of 14 battalions, gave the command for them to march in two directions to attack the enemy. On the 17th and 18th instant the troops encountered the rebels on five occasions, the latter fighting most fiercely, but they were driven backwards and four of their strongholds captured. Yu Man-tze was therefore compelled to retreat into his own special stronghold in the hills, but being closely pursued by the troops he had no time to run away, and being completely surrounded he was compelled to pray to be allowed to surrender. The French Consul has therefore been rescued and sent to Chungking to the care of the French Consul. H. E. Wang is now holding luncheon (Yu's stronghold) in force and will there await instructions from Peking as to what to do with the rebels in his hands. H. E. has also sent troops to disperse the various rebel bands scattered throughout the province and no more trouble is expected from them.

## THE MURDER OF MR. FLEMING.

Telegraphing on the 11th inst., the Chungking correspondent of the *China Gazette* says: Dr. Webster and Mr. Light, who have been to identify the body of the murdered missionary, Mr. Fleming, in Kwei-chow, have arrived in this city. The local officials put every difficulty in their way, even though accompanied by a military escort from Kwei Yang-fu, on one occasion at a city near the scene of the murder, the gates were shut against them and they had to obtain entrance by force. Mr. Light, British Consul, is now at Kwei Yang investigating the matter.

## MADAGASCAR STERILISED.

Madagascar is a striking illustration of the ignorance of those men who are constantly leading France into fresh Colonial adventures. Madagascar, whose conquest cost France more than 4,000,000, besides the lives of more than six thousand of her children. No sooner was the island in the hands of these men than they closed it to all foreign prospectors; they imposed prohibitive duties on all foreign goods, keeping the country, for the French, closed to any one who ever came, and never will come, while, if they had opened it out, as Mr. Rhodes opened out Mashonaland to all comers, their new colony would have reaped the benefit of the labour of thousands of British prospectors and of the millions of British capital which would have been invested in the island.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THIRD RACE FOR R.E. CUP, JANUARY 29TH.

Course.—From a line-off-Pier, Kowloon, leaving Stonecutters Island to port, round the Cowchow (or Kaukuna) Rock to port, and return, passing Stonecutters Island to starboard, to starting line; 16 miles. *Erica*.....Mr. A. Denison.....scratch allows *Maid Marian*, W. J. Hastings 46 sec. *Bonito*.....Major Koe 48 " *Ladybird*.....H. F. H. May 5 min. 5 " *Dart*.....Mr. C. D. Wilkinson 7 " 28 " *Princess*.....De. Clarke 7 " 28 " *Princess*.....Officers R.A. 7 " 28 " There was a moderate east wind at the start and the line was crossed by the boats fairly well together, *Maid Marian*, *Bonito*, and *Erica* being in the van. In the run to Stonecutters *Dart* showed remarkable qualities, running through the fleet into a good second place to *Erica*. Behind Stonecutters the wind was very light and patchy, and the boats changed places very freely, but *Erica* kept the lead and caught the strong wind off the West point of the Island first; then, came *Maid Marian* and *Ladybird*. After passing Green Island the wind died away and the boats drifted with the tide for over an hour, when a light east wind carried them down to the rock off Cowchow, when the order was *Erica*, *Phoebe*, *Maid Marian* in the first half minute, then *Ladybird*, *Bonito* and *Princess*, with *Dart* some time after. After rounding the mark the wind increased and *Erica* and *Phoebe*, which had both kept well to windward, got the benefit of it first and went away from the *Maid*; *Bonito* also went into fourth place. A lucky plant of wind off the lee side of Stonecutters put *Phoebe* into first place, but she was passed again by *Erica* under the Yaumatee shore, and the line was crossed in the following order:—

Finish.	Time.	Corrected	Points.
<i>Erica</i> .....	3 8 1	3 8 1	4
<i>Phoebe</i> .....	3 8 25	3 6 20	10
<i>Maid Marian</i> .....	3 10 8	3 9 22	1
<i>Bonito</i> .....	3 13 10	3 12 22	
<i>Ladybird</i> .....	3 18 12	3 15 3	
<i>Dart</i> .....	3 21 30	3 13 32	
<i>Princess</i> .....	3 22 53	3 22 25	

The second race in this competition, sailed on Saturday, the 28th instant, was not finished in time.

## THE "TERRIBLE."

Although no particulars have as yet been disclosed of her performance, enough is known of recent history of the *Terrible*, *Diadem*, and *Furioso* to be certain that they have steamed in a way, and for a long distance too, that has never been done before. The *Terrible*, which has long been under a cloud, as her sister-ship the *Powerful* was for a long time, has now shone forth as a steamer of the very highest quality. Her troubles are at an end. She had an average passage as far as the Rock, making a 4 1/2 knots, but reduced at one time to 14 knots by a hot bearing, but leaving Gibraltar, or passing it merely, at about 6 a.m. on a Wednesday, she arrived at Malta on the Friday. This means a speed of from 20 to 22 knots. The *Terrible*'s officers are to be congratulated on having established a record, and it is very doubtful if a ship of any other nation, despite their boasting, could have done the same. The *Diadem* made the passage from Gibraltar to Sheerness in three days, at an average rate of 20 knots an hour. Considering the estimated full speed of this ship was only 20.25 knots, this speed, if correct, is something marvellous. The *Furioso*, with an estimated speed of 19.5 knots, took four days to reach Sheerness from the Rock, but what a difference between her log and that of her predecessor of that name!

## ADMIRAL CERVENA ON THE SPANISH FLEET.

The Office of Naval Intelligence in the United States has printed a translation of an article published in the *Epoca* at Madrid on November 5, 1898, which contained some letters and reports written before the war by Admiral Cervera. He represented and related to the Spanish Minister of Marine the unprepared state of the fleet and made the following specific allegations:—The *Christobal Colon*, purchased from the Italian Government, had no main armament, and the guns and ammunition of some of the cruisers built at Bilbao were unfit for service. The *Placaya* lost from three to five knots of her speed owing to the foul state of her bottom; thus she not only hampered fleet manoeuvres, but her coal consumption was dangerously increased. Admiral Cervera's pathetic documents are fully reproduced. Writing two years before the war, he stated that the whole fleet was disorganized, and when ordered to sail he wrote that the position was worse than at the earlier period. The United States fleet had been in the interval largely increased, and the Spanish fleet was strengthened only by the *Colon*, with her gunless turret, and by a few destroyers, which in the end proved to be unseaworthy. He stated that the *Catalina* was begun in 1890 and that her hull was not yet finished, owing to the "extenuation" and penitence state of the country. The *Alfonso XIII*, the *Filipino* and the *Carlos V*, all built in Spain, were failures; the only good ships of the cruiser class were the *Vizcaya*, the *Quinto*, and the *Alvaro*, three vessels constructed by Englishmen at Bilbao. The *Vizcaya*'s principal guns were fitted with a breech action which had been declared useless two months previously, and Admiral Cervera did not know it till before he sailed. The cartridges were faulty, and there were no supplies beyond some 30 rounds per gun already on board. The admiral was able to obtain neither coal nor charts of the American seas, and only half the quantity of biscuit demanded from Cadix, the principal Government dockyard. In his correspondence he rated the Spanish fleet at its best as 50,000 tons as compared with the 110,000 tons of the United States navy, and by an arbitrary formula, the Spanish gun power at 50 against 100. In this calculation four considerable Spanish ships were included, which from various causes were unused throughout the war. Had the admiral by chance gained a tactical success, there was no repairing port for the Spanish fleet, except the impoverished Havana, whilst the United States had many good and well-supplied harbours. Cervera's prophecies of coming disaster continued up to the date of his leaving the Canaries for the West Indies under direct orders from the Navy Board at Madrid. His last letter before the coming catastrophe ends with: "The final result is not doubtful. God be with us. Good-bye."—*Times*.

## PLEA FOR AN ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE.

We may smile at the ravings of Mommson as to the probabilities of a coalition being formed between France, Russia, and Germany for the purpose of falling upon England and partitioning her Empire; but it is hardly wise to ignore altogether the remarkable exposition of the views of Russian policy recently made in the *Frankfurter Jahrbuch* on the authority of Prince Uchakov.

## LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT. IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir J. W. Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice, and a special jury.)

January 31st.

A HOK v. E. R. BELLIOS.

In this case (adjourned from yesterday) A. Hok, of 23, D'Aguiar Street, contractor, sought to recover from the Hon. E. R. Bellios the sum of \$11,200, being the balance of money due for work done and materials provided by the plaintiff on a building belonging to the defendant which is known as Beaconsfield, lately in the occupation of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

Mr. Bellios (Acting Attorney-General), instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Francis, Q. C. (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendant. The following composed the special jury:—Messrs. R. Maaten (foreman), H. M. Mehta, J. S. Van Buren, Walter Poate, W. R. Loxley, W. Hutton Potts, and C. A. Tomes.

Tau Tsang, who carries on business in the name of A. Hok and who gave evidence yesterday, was cross-examined by Mr. Francis. He said his father died 12 years ago. He was the eldest of four sons. His father left a will and he took out probate. His brothers were not partners with him. He was a carpenter himself, but he knew all about building. He began house building after the death of his father. He took over his father's business. He daily superintended the work carried out at Beaconsfield at the end of 1897 and the beginning of 1898. Mr. Gowan Lock superintended the work for the Public Works Department. Mr. Chatham first spoke to him on the matter on the 6th of November, 1897. He subsequently got instructions from both Mr. Chatham and Mr. Lock, both seeing him almost daily. He did not send in any bill before the completion of the work in March of last year, when he sent in his first detailed bill. While the work was in progress the quantity of work done up to any particular date was calculated. Measurements were taken several times. As each portion was done a measurement was taken, the object being to have it recorded and then when all was completed it could be totalled up. At each measurement the price was calculated according to the schedule, and all this was recorded at the time. The measurements were taken by Mr. Gowan Lock, Mr. Chatham being sometimes present during a portion of the time a measurement was taken. His books would simply show the measurements and the quantity of work done. He looked up the price according to the schedule, but did not put it down in his book. He could not tell from looking at his book what quantity of work was done up to a particular date. He did not think Mr. Gowan Lock's book would tell either. It was not true that the work was not measured up until it was finished. He could not remember any single date when the work was measured up. He had never done any work for Mr. Bellios. He had never tendered for any work which Mr. Bellios required doing. He never said to Mr. Chatham, when the latter told him to go to Mr. Bellios for money, that he did not care to do so as Mr. Bellios would beat him down. The roof was finished in December, but he had no note of it. By the end of December over \$10,000 worth of work had been done, reckoning labour and materials. All the heavy work had been done by that time. The interior was also partly done. He told Mr. Chatham at the China New Year that the value of the work done was over and above \$10,000. He kept the books of Hok's firm. He opened a new set of books at China New Year, but he did not carry the accounts forward. The value of the work done up to China New Year was between \$13,000 and \$15,000. He asked Mr. Chatham to let him have \$10,000. When he was told about the work in November, 1897, he went over the building, but he did not give any estimate. Mr. Gowan Lock did not say it was a \$6,000 job. He simply told him he must do what he was told.

William Chatham, assistant Director of Public Works, said that the work was carried on with the utmost expedition. The entire work which was being done to Beaconsfield by A. Hok was finished about March 7th. With regard to the nature and extent of the repairs to Beaconsfield, when witness called upon Mr. Bellios and told him he would not be bound by Mr. Danby's estimate Mr. Bellios told him he would give him carte blanche; he could do what he liked. He was satisfied that A. Hok had done work on Beaconsfield and supplied materials to the value of \$17,700. He had a lot of trouble to get A. Hok to agree to the reduction, the bill amounting to over \$20,000 in the first instance. The work done to Beaconsfield was substantially done, but there was no unnecessary expense; there was nothing in the way of extra work.

The further hearing was adjourned.

## EUROPEANS ATTACKED BY PLAGUE.

Plague in Bombay is now attacking Europeans again, says the *Rangoon Times* of 11th inst. An Australian rough rider died the other day. A European was attacked and subsequently Miss Wise, who resides in the Fort, and Miss Lang, resident of Grant's Buildings, where a large number of Europeans reside. She is so ill that she cannot be moved. Other residents in the same block are greatly alarmed. Plague has made its appearance in Multan. Miss Game, Assistant Surgeon of the Female Jubilee Hospital, was found to be suffering from plague, and was immediately removed with all the inmates of the hospital to the plague camp. The infection is believed to have been conveyed through clothes received by Miss Game from Bangalore. This is the first case of plague that has occurred in Multan, and it is a somewhat serious matter that the disease should have effected a lodgment there.

## RUSSIA BENT ON EARLY WAR WITH ENGLAND.

Prince Antonisky accompanied the present Tsar on his travels in the East. He was the chief of the last special embassy sent by Russia to China, and he is the man who really directs Russian policy in Asia. Nothing can exceed the frankness of this authorised communication. The Prince holds that an invasion of India is not only possible and easy, but that "the state of things there actually requires it." Germany is offered large concessions as the price of her alliance. The Prince seems to think rightly enough that France will take from Russia the word of command. France, however, is beginning to realise that the undue weakening, or destruction of British power is not likely in the long run to be for her advantage, and an Anglo-German alliance would not be, by any means, impossible to conclude. There are difficulties on both sides. Nevertheless, we are convinced that the Sybillic books are offered to both nations, and that a transaction is now possible.

## GERMAN AIMS IN ASIA MINOR.

Of all countries now under the rule of the Turk there is none more capable of development than Asia Minor. There has been of late years a marked tendency for German capital to go there, and under German influence it would soon become a prosperous land. If England were to use her power to further German interests there, and assist Germany to secure a solid position in the country, she would render service not alone to the German Empire but to the cause of civilisation.

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

JANUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer.....	29.818
Thermometer.....	86.1
Humidity.....	77
Rainfall.....	6.58

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at	On date at
10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer.....	30.23
Thermometer.....	61
Humidity.....	59
Rainfall.....	70

TO-DAY.

Tuesday, 31st January, 1899.

Chinese—20th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shu.

High water—Morning.....1hr. 53min.

Afternoon.....1hr. 17min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 47min.

Afternoon.....5hr. 15min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1606—Guy Fawkes executed.

1863—Sailor's Home, Hongkong, opened.

1887—Loss of the C. M. Co.'s steamer *Housang* off Dodd Island, near Amoy.

1895—Outer forts of Weihaiwei captured by the Japanese.

TO-MORROW.

Wednesday, 1st February, 1899.

(St. Bridget.)

Chinese—21st of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shu.

High water—Afternoon.....0hr. 16min.

and 2hr. 17min.

Low water—Morning.....0hr. 12min.

Afternoon.....0hr. 05min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1814—Great eruption of Mayon Volcano in Philippines.

1841—Inhabitants of Hongkong declared British subjects.

1843—Foundation stone of Masonic Hall laid.

1878—Armed attack by Chinese robbers on Ap-ichow.

1895—Wei-hai-wei, citadel captured by the Japanese.

1897—Chinese Imperial Post Office opened.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

## MAILS DUE.

English (*Coromandel*) 4th prox.American (*China*) 5th prox.Tacoma (*Victoria*) 5th prox.Indian (*Suitang*) 6th prox.German (*Sachsen*) 8th prox.American (*Doris*) 14th prox.American (*Nippon Maru*) 22nd prox.THE Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the Company's steamer *Suitang* from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port at 1 p.m. yesterday, the 30th instant.WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the Company's steamer *Glengarry* from London and Straits, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, the 30th instant.

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

H.I.G.M.S. *Kaiser*... at Kowloon Dock.H.I.G.M.S. *K. A'la*... " "

Athenian " " "

Isle de Cuba " " "

Isle de Luzon " " "

Monmouthshire " " "

Brechda " " "

St. Enoch " " "

Columbia " " "

Hud " " "

D. Juan d'Austria " " Cosmopolitan "

SWATOW.

Arrivals, from Agents.

Jan. 29 *Formosa*.....Amoy.....J. M. & Co.29 *Hunan*.....Hongkong.....B. & S.30 *Choyang*.....Hongkong.....J. M. & Co.

Departures for Agents.

Jan. 30 *Devasongse*.....Bangkok.....B. & S.30 *Tatchoong*.....Dell.....L. & H.30 *Choyang*.....Shanghai.....J. M. & Co.30 *Formosa*.....Hongkong.....J. M. & Co.

IN PORT—Kalgan, Newchwang, Hunan.

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—Jan. 3rd *Trinita*, *Servia* Jan. 6th.*Glengarry*, *Silenta*, *Narita* Jan. 10th.*St. Andrew*, *Zeolus* Jan. 13th.*Liv. Hatching*, *Fania*, *Huron* Jan. 17th.*Benlarig*, *Tormato*, *Koyuna*, *Sutira*, *Sachera* Jan. 20th.*Caladone*, *Konigsberg* Jan. 27th.*Canton*, *Trold*, *Honward* Jan. 27th.*Ernest*, *Simons*, *Su-natra*, *Marquis*, *Raquehem*, *Frian*.CONSUMPTION, Wasting Diseases, and General Debility. Doctors disagree as to the relative value of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites; the one supplying strength and flesh—the others giving nerve power and acting as a tonic to the digestion and entire system. But in Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites the two are combined, and the effect is wonderful. Thousands who have derived no permanent benefit from other preparations have been cured by this. "Scott's Emulsion" is perfectly palatable, and is easily digested even by those who cannot tolerate plain Cod Liver Oil. Any Chemist can supply it. Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China—Watkins & Co., Hongkong.—*Advt.*

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TO BE LET from the 1st April.

THE COMMODIOUS OFFICES (including the use of Lift) on the Second Floor of the P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s buildings, No. 14, Praya Central, now occupied by the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LD.

For Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent P. &amp; O. S. N. Co. Hongkong, 18th January, 1899.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL. CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Will give Two more Performances of the

PANTOMIME

"THE YELLOW DWARF,"

TO-MORROW

(WEDNESDAY), the 1st February, 1899, at 8.30 P.M.

(Under the Distinguished Patronage of Their Excellencies

SIR HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G., and LADY BLAKE);

and on

SATURDAY, the 4th February, 1899, at 8.30 P.M.

Dress Circle.....\$3

Stalls.....2

Pit.....1

Half Price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in uniform to the Pit.

The TICKET OFFICE is now OPEN and will continue Open Each Day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Late Trams to the Peak.

H. C. NICOLLE, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1899. [81a]

## Consignees.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, BIRKENHEAD AND SWANSEA.

THE Company's Steamship

"OOPACK,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 3rd February, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 3rd February.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 3rd February, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-MORROW.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1899. [130a]

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